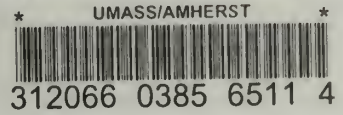


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# FACTS ABOUT OLDER CITIZENS IN MASSACHUSETTS

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1. Population (persons age 65+ in 1990): 819,927 (13.6% of state population)

2. Race (persons age 65+): 96.3% White (789,496) 2.3% Black (19,062)

3. Hispanics (persons age 65+): 1.0% (7,974)

4. Ratio of females to males by age:

Age:	Ratio:
65-69	1.27
75-79	1.71
80-84	2.24
85+	3.24

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5. Living alone by gender (persons age 65+):

Males	Females
16.2%	38.7%

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6. Physical limitations:

Only 16.2% of individuals age 60+ have a mobility and/or self-care limitation.

7. Household type and relationship (persons age 65+):

Married spouse present or spouse:	47.5%
In other family household:	14.0
Living alone:	30.1
Other nonfamily household:	1.5
Nursing home:	6.1

8. Median Income (non-institutionalized persons age 60+)

Males living alone:	\$13,169	Females living alone	\$9,208
Males not living alone	\$19,023	Females not living alone	\$7,228

9. Percent of Social Security of Income to Total Income

Age	65+	75+	85+
Percent	55.8%	64.7%	68.0%

10. Persons in households with public assistance income:

Age 65+: 73,482 (9.6%)  
(14.8% of all ages w/ public assistance)

11. Work force (persons 65+ either employed or unemployed):

Males: 21.2% in labor force  
Females: 10.7% in labor force

12. Owner/Renter by age (% Owner Occupied):

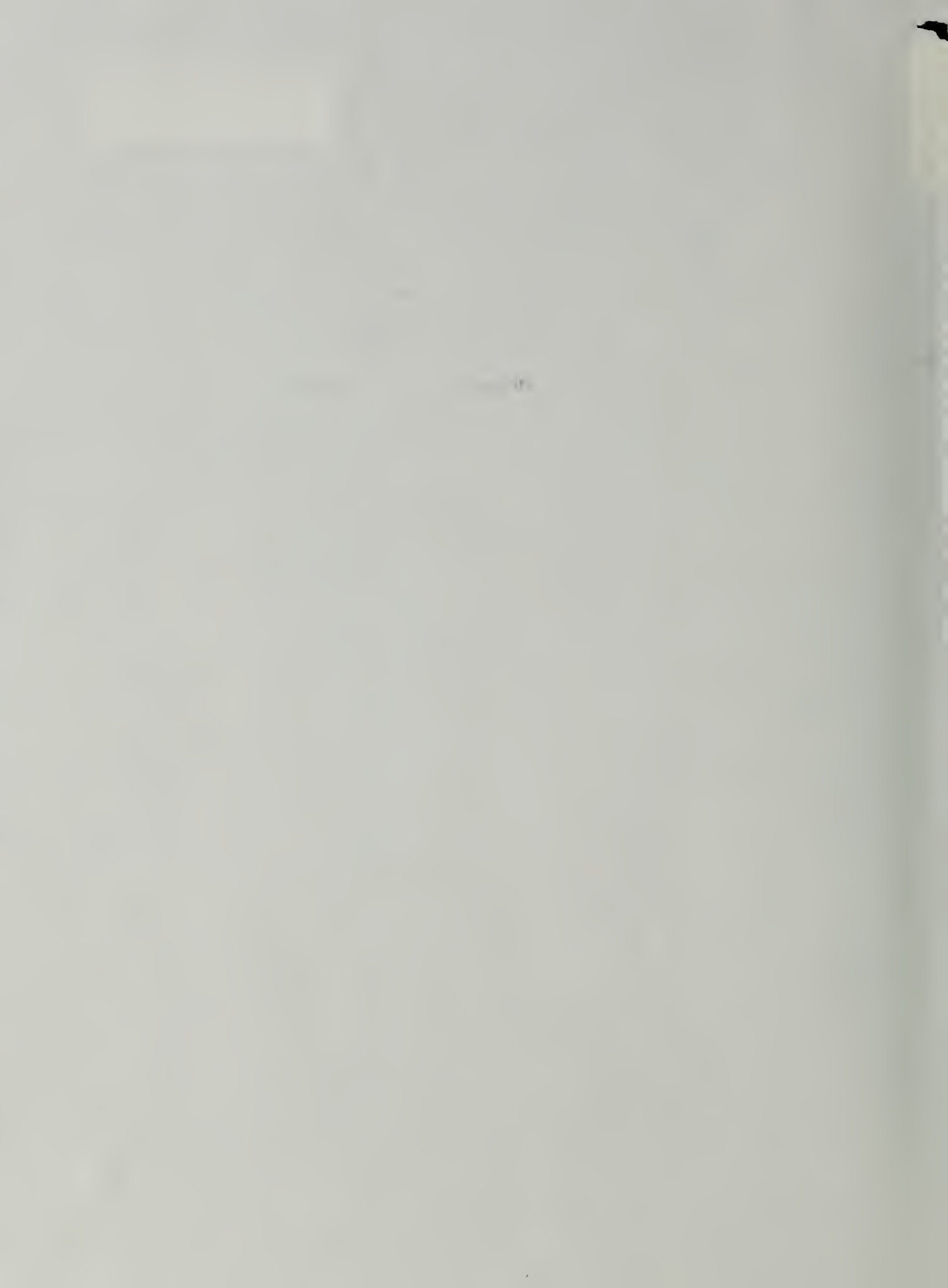
Age:	65-74:	75+:	65+:
	69.7%	56.4%	63.9%

13. Poverty by age (% below 100% of poverty):

	<55	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
Whites (%)	6.2	4.3	5.9	5.5	8.1	10.3	13.2	18.2
Minorities (%)	28.0	17.8	18.7	18.7	19.3	23.0	19.1	23.7

14. Poverty by gender (persons age 65+ below 100% of poverty)

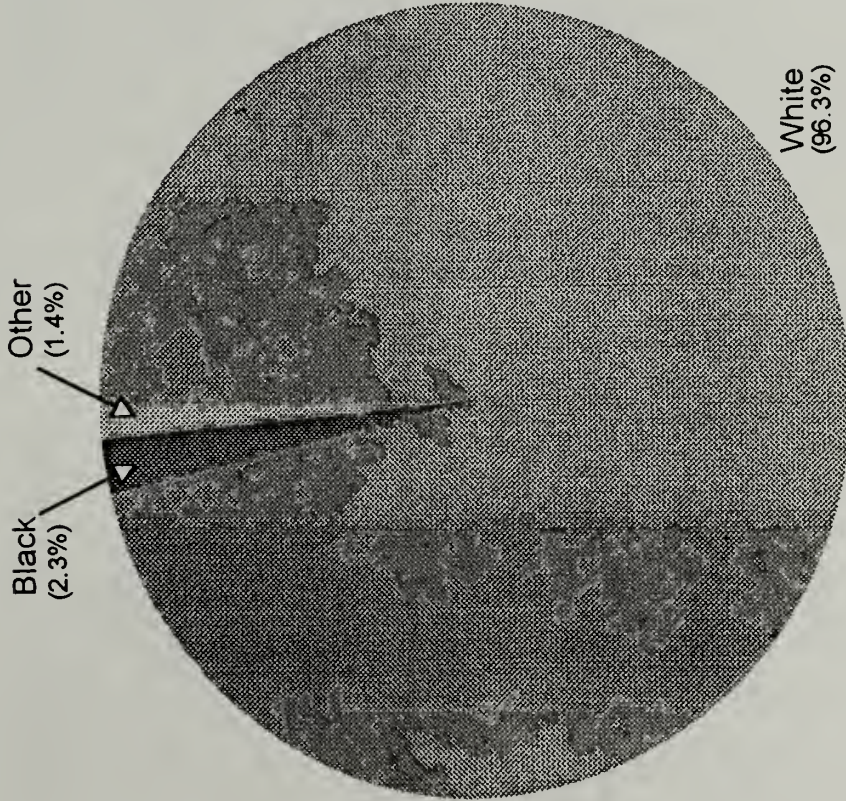
Males: 5.8%      Females: 11.8%      Combined: 9.4%  
Total Massachusetts population: 8.9%



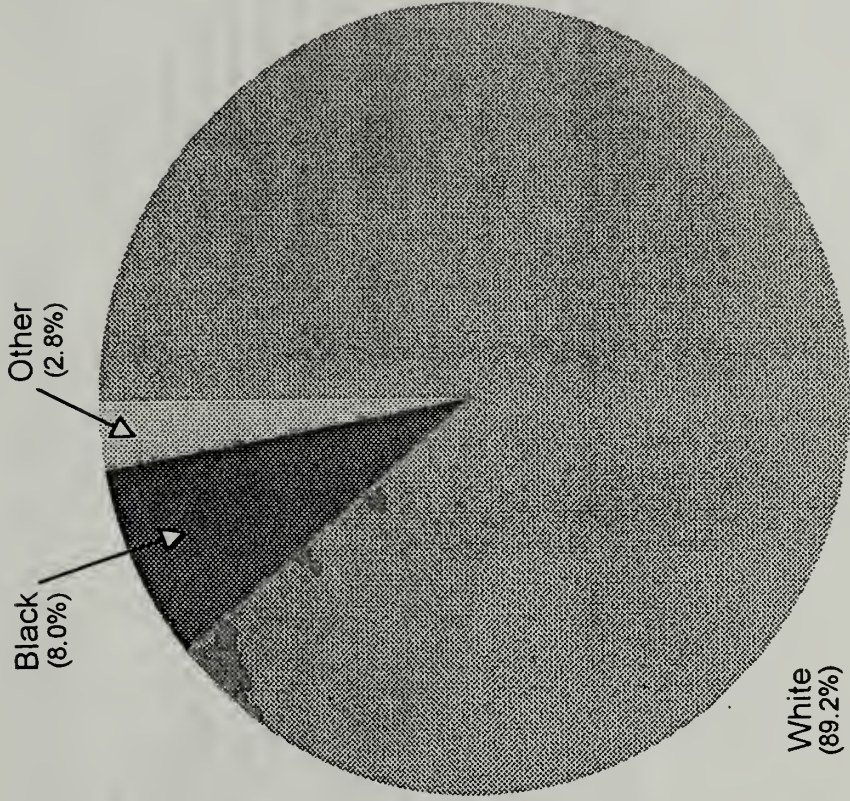


# Comparison of Massachusetts and U.S. Elderly Population (65+) by Race

**Massachusetts**



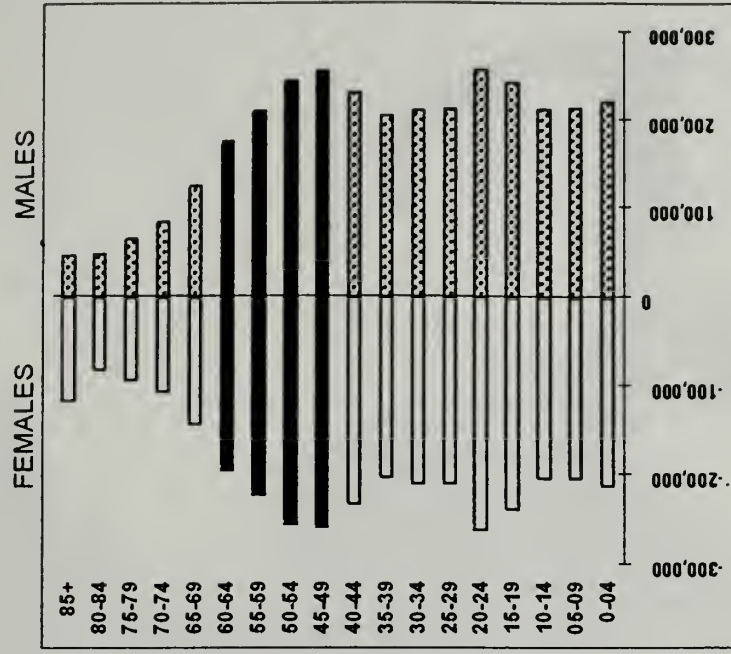
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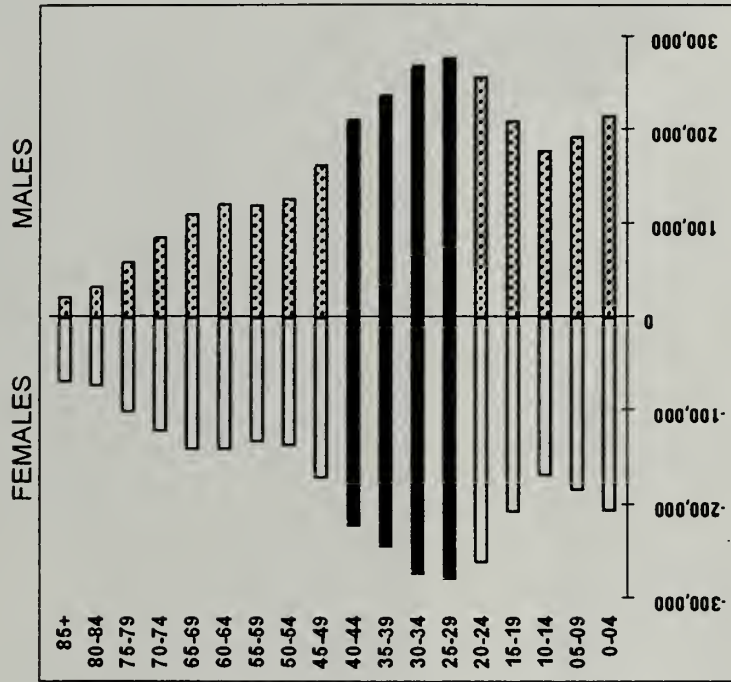




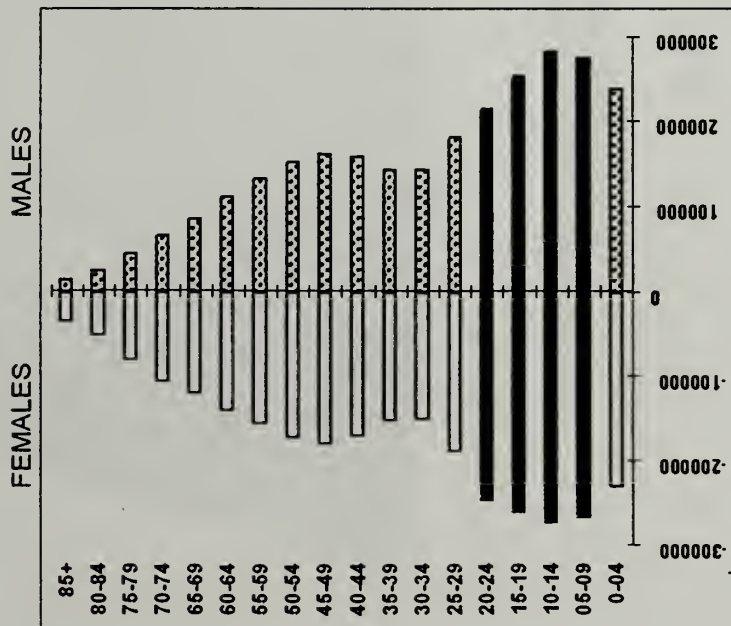
# MASSACHUSETTS POPULATION BY AGE: 1970, 1990, AND PROJECTED 2010



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1990



1970

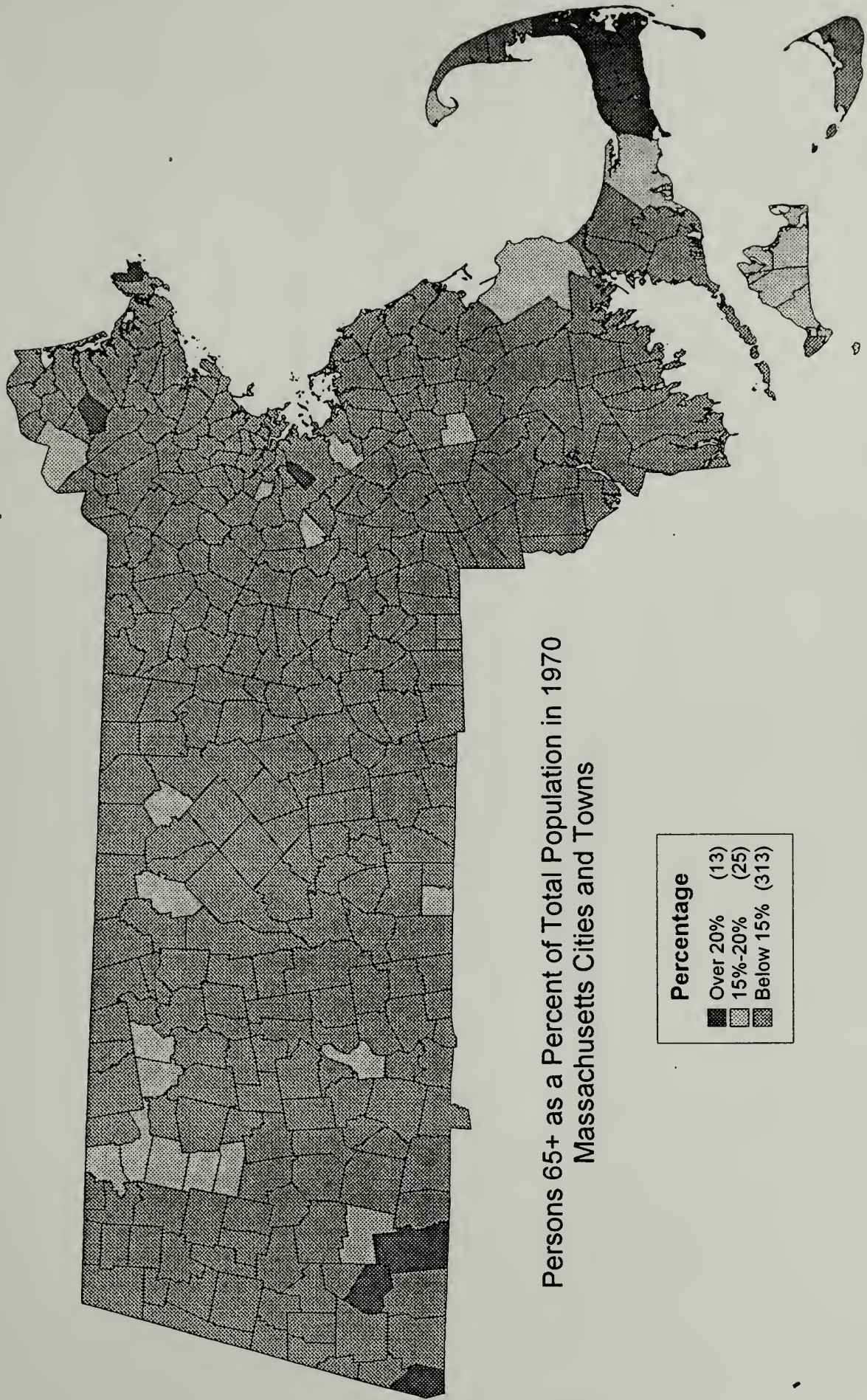
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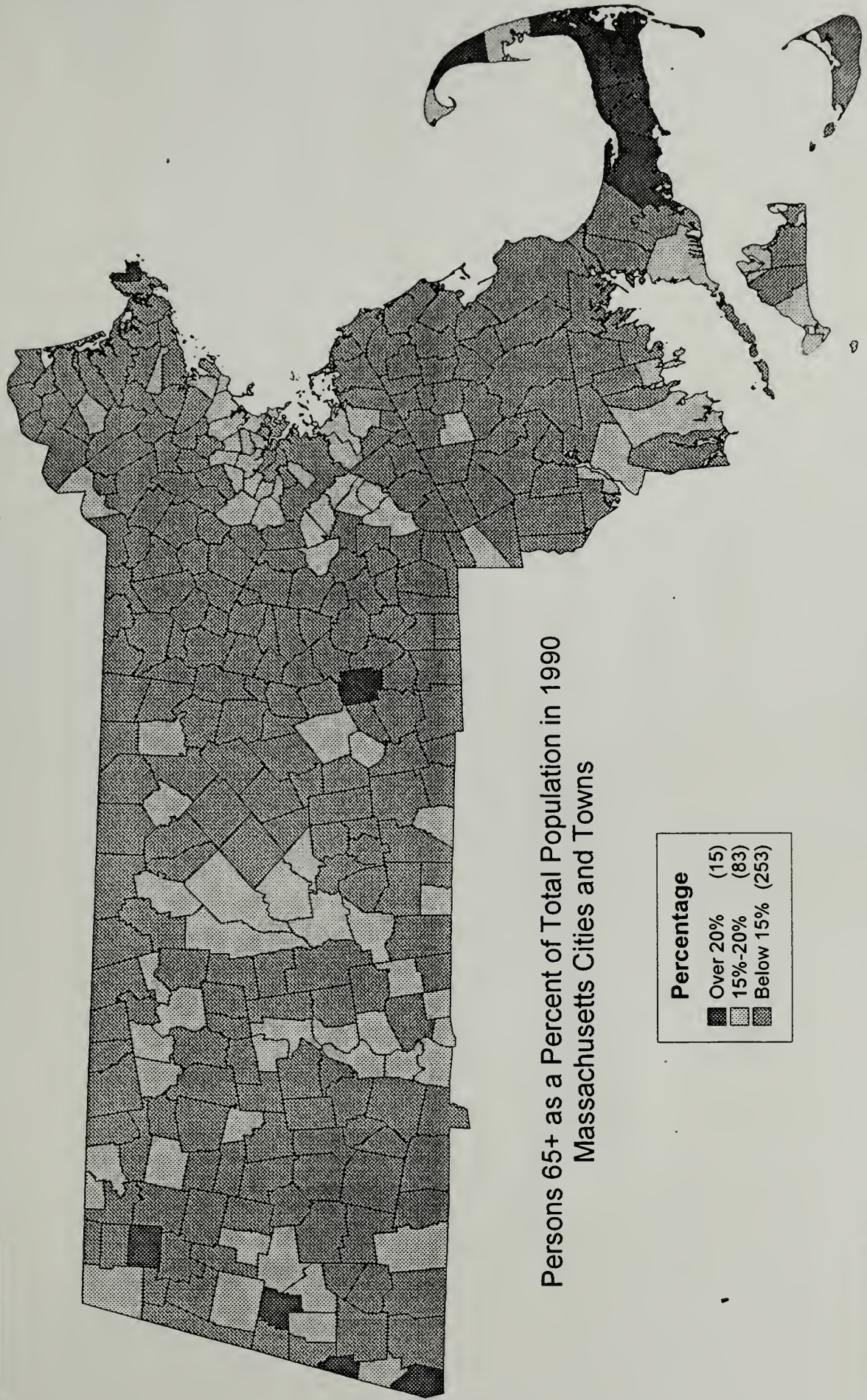












Persons 65+ as a Percent of Total Population in 1990  
 Massachusetts Cities and Towns

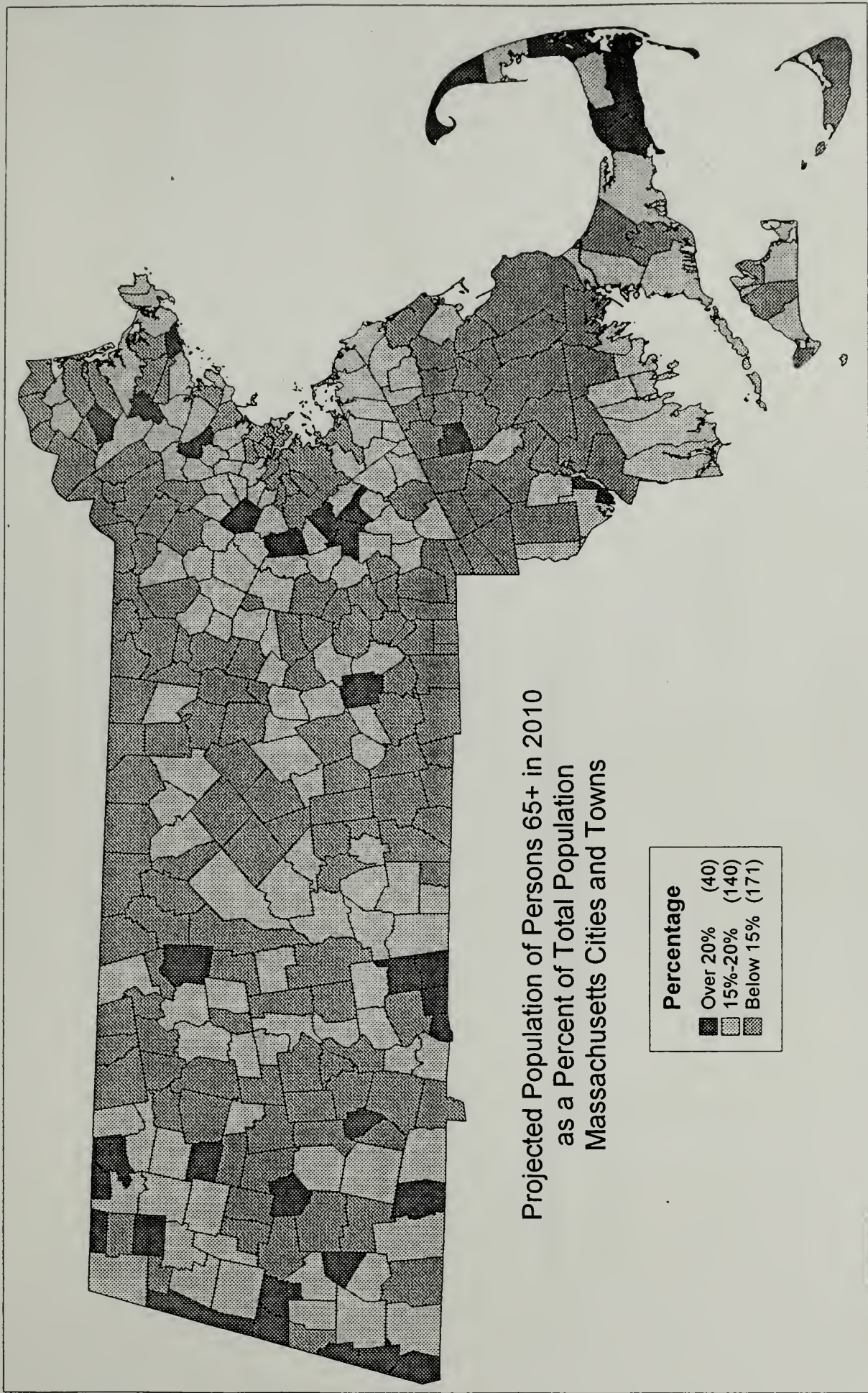
Percentage	
Over 20%	(15)
15%-20%	(83)
Below 15%	(253)



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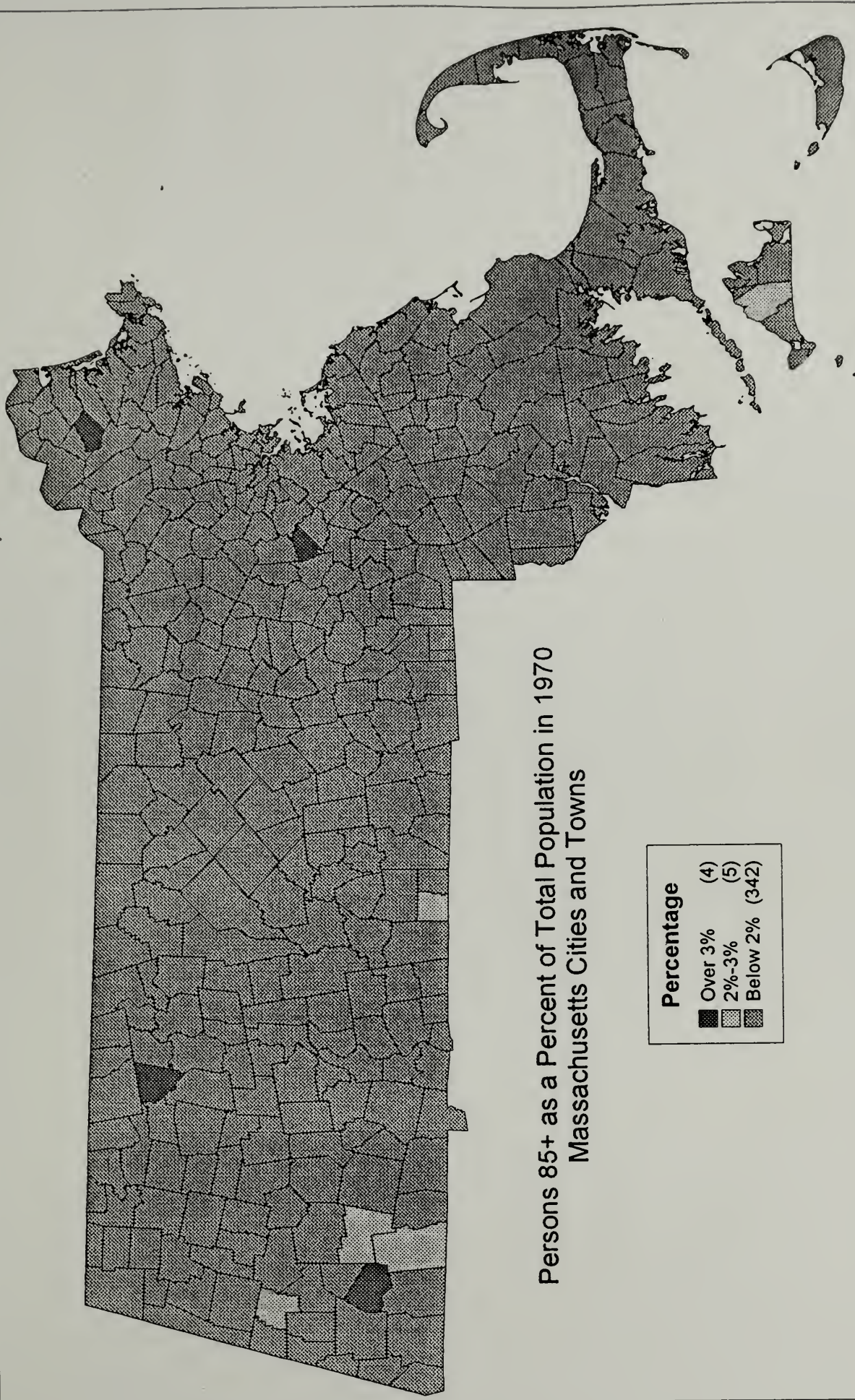


Projected Population of Persons 65+ in 2010  
as a Percent of Total Population  
Massachusetts Cities and Towns

Percentage	
Over 20%	(40)
15%-20%	(140)
Below 15%	(171)



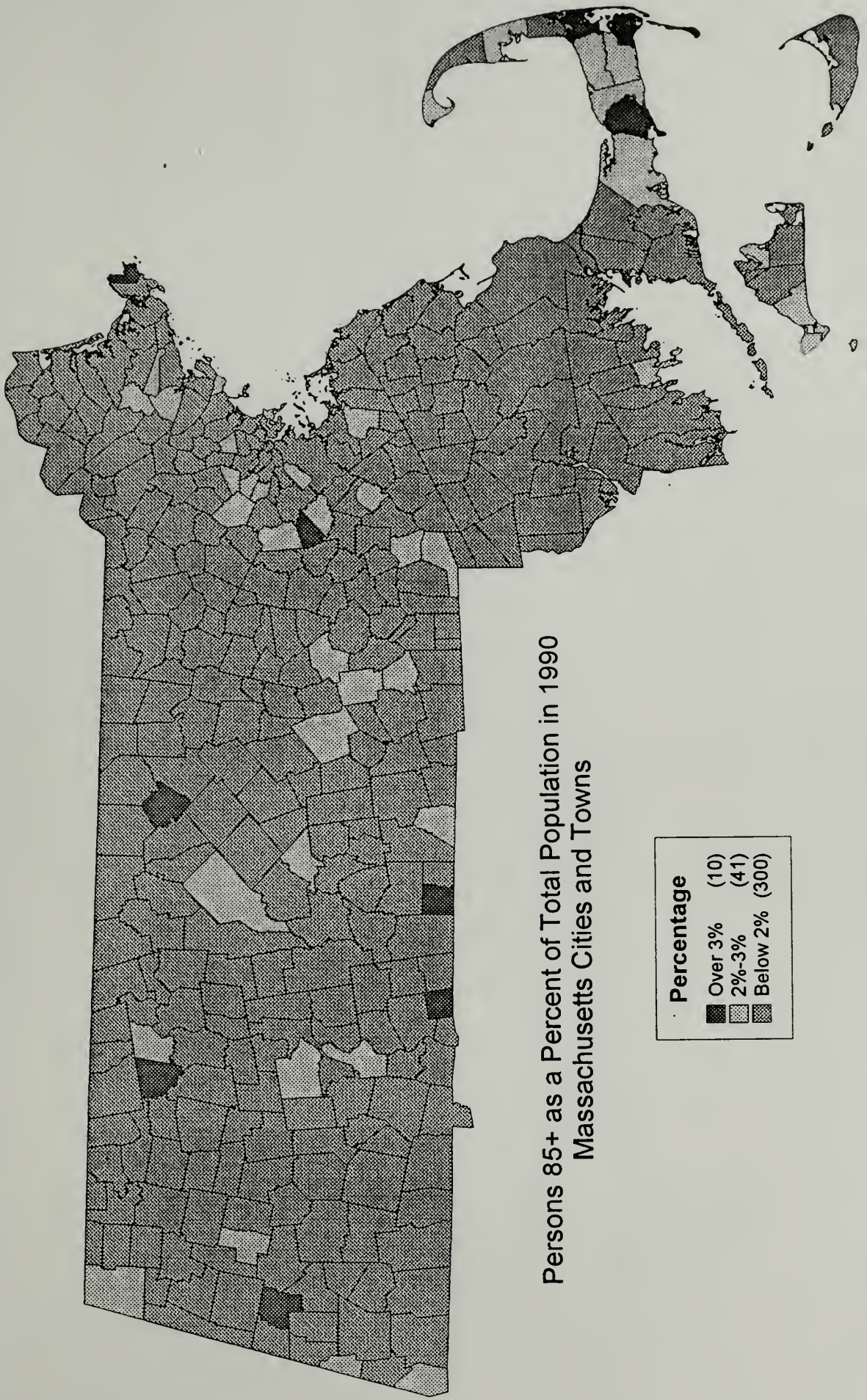




Persons 85+ as a Percent of Total Population in 1970  
Massachusetts Cities and Towns



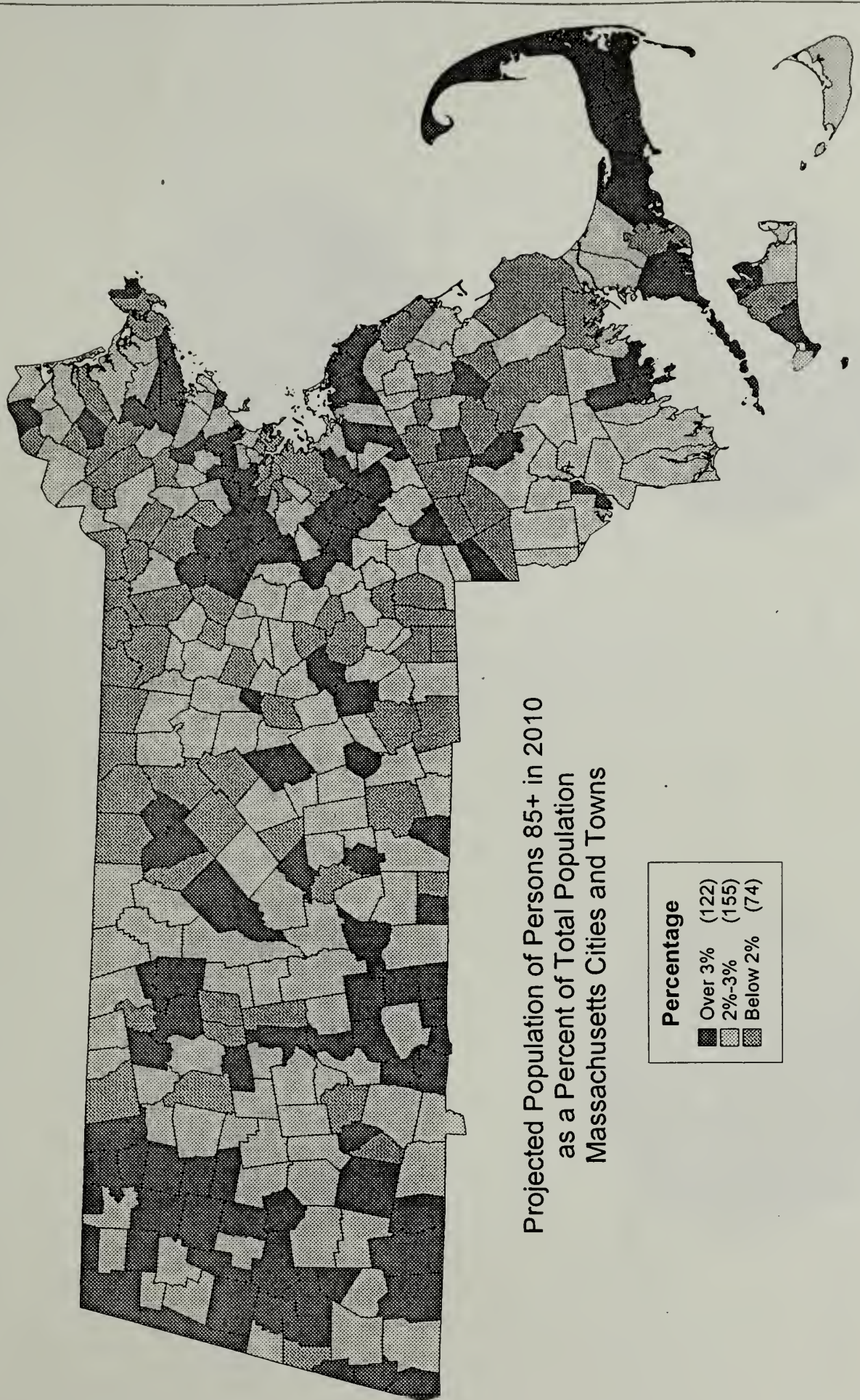




Persons 85+ as a Percent of Total Population in 1990  
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Projected Population of Persons 85+ in 2010  
 as a Percent of Total Population  
 Massachusetts Cities and Towns

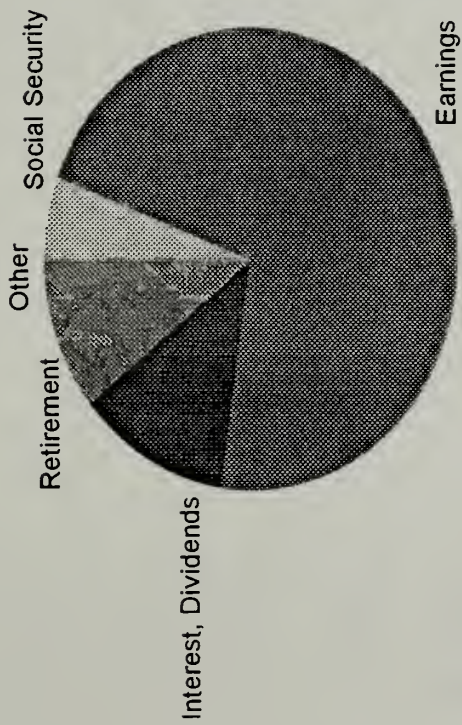
Percentage	
Over 3%	(122)
2%-3%	(155)
Below 2%	(74)



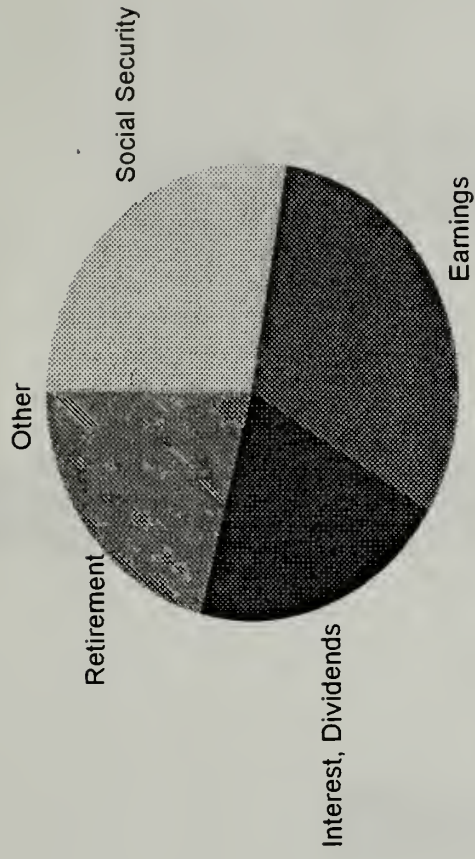


# Sources of Income: Persons 60+ in Massachusetts

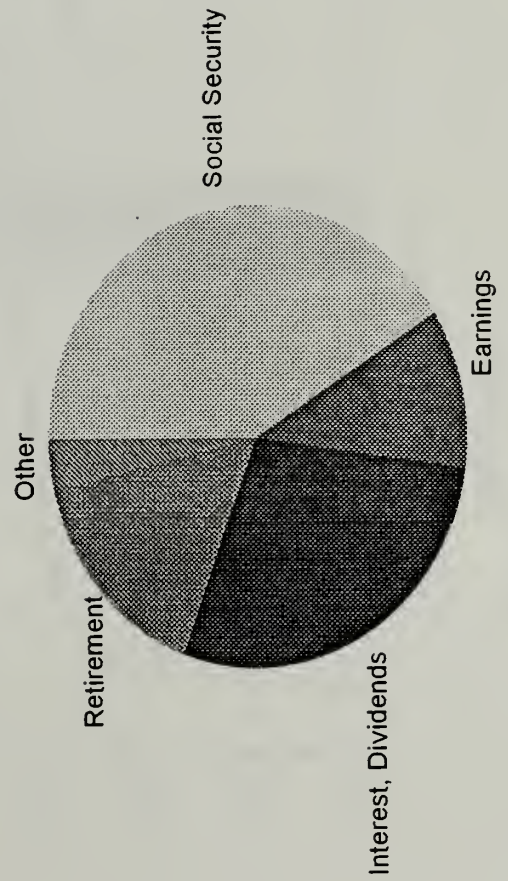
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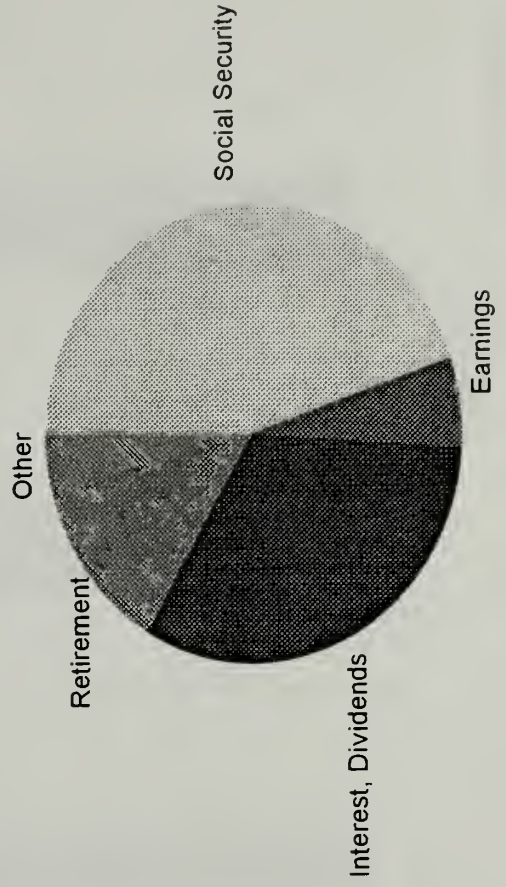
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75-84



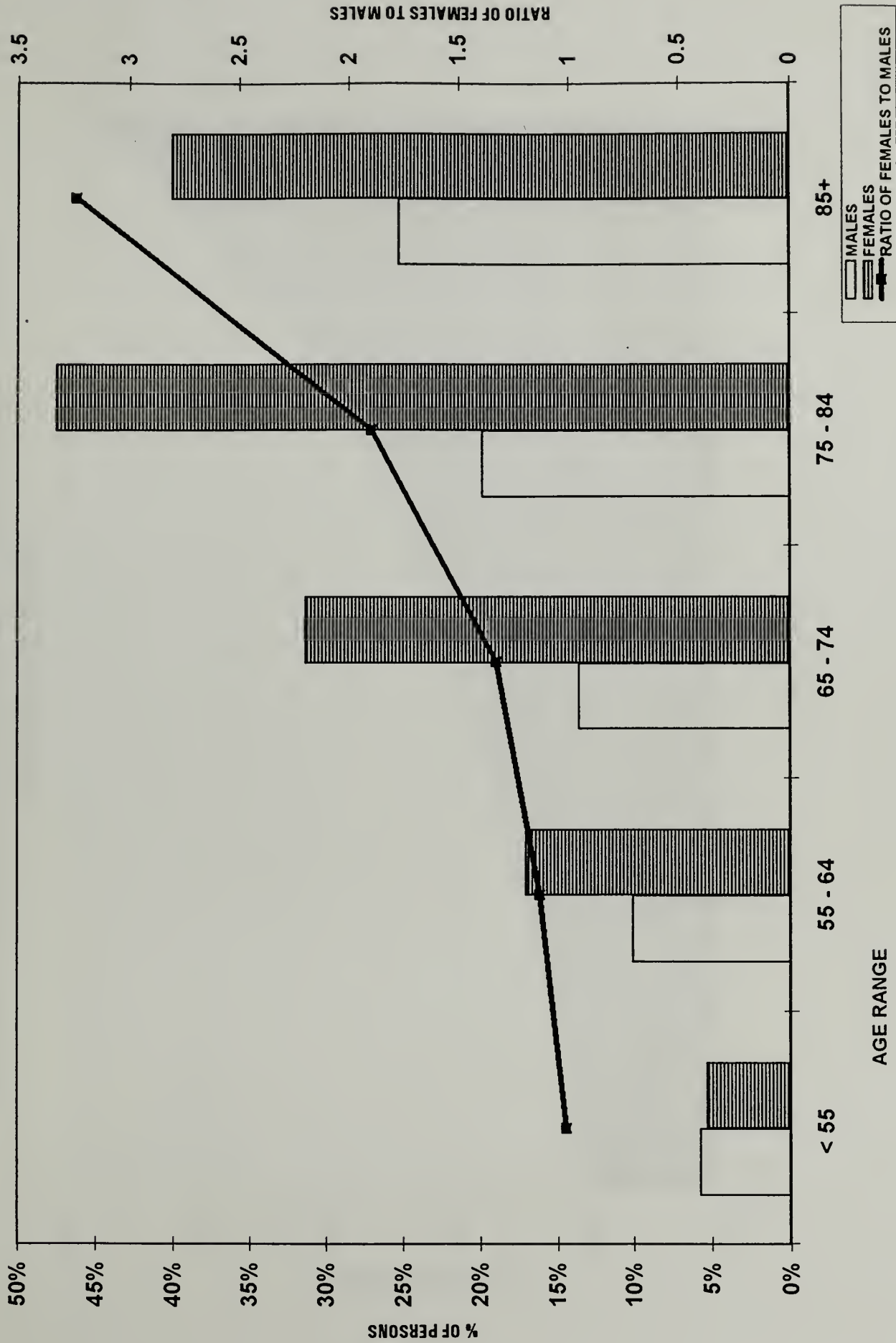
85+

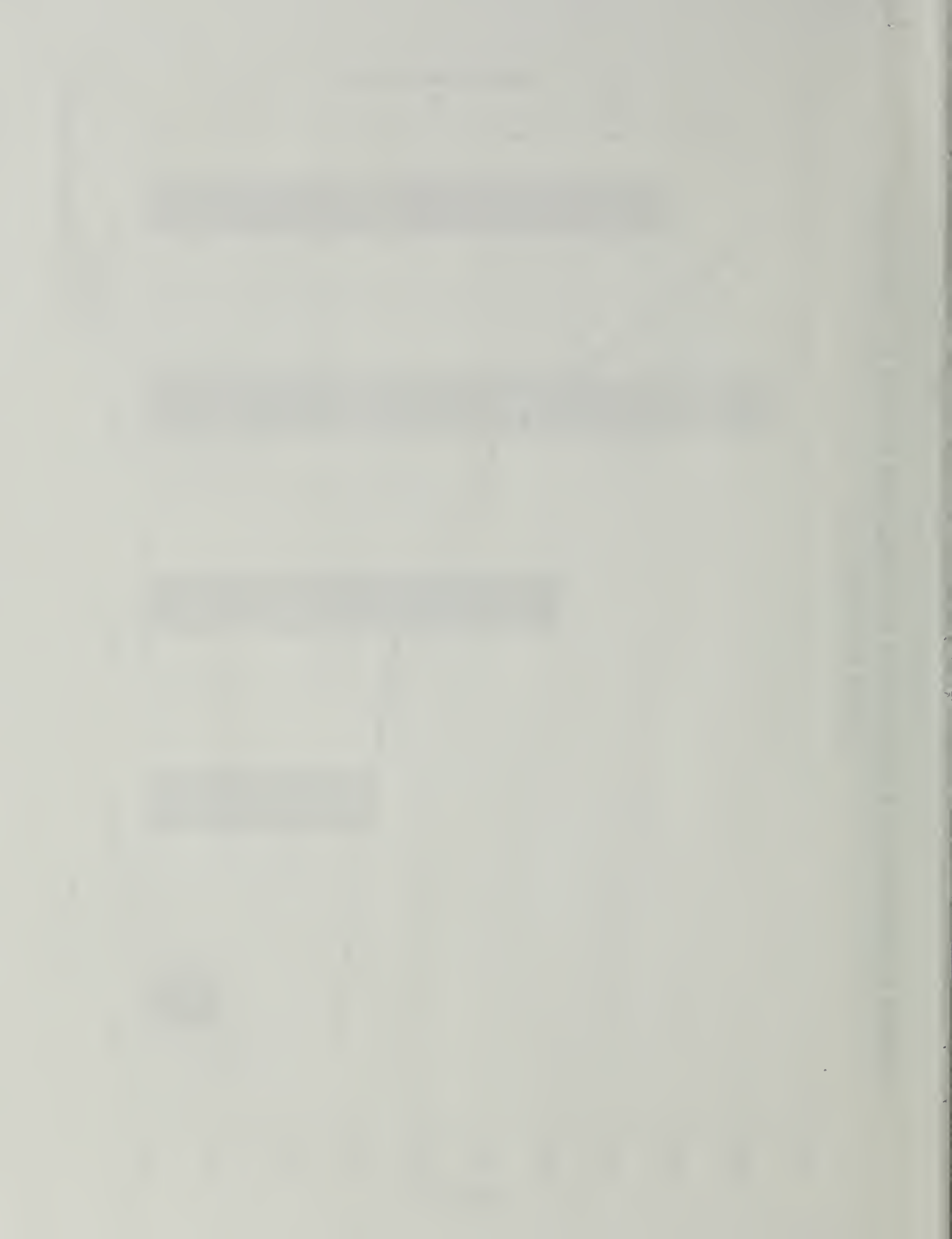




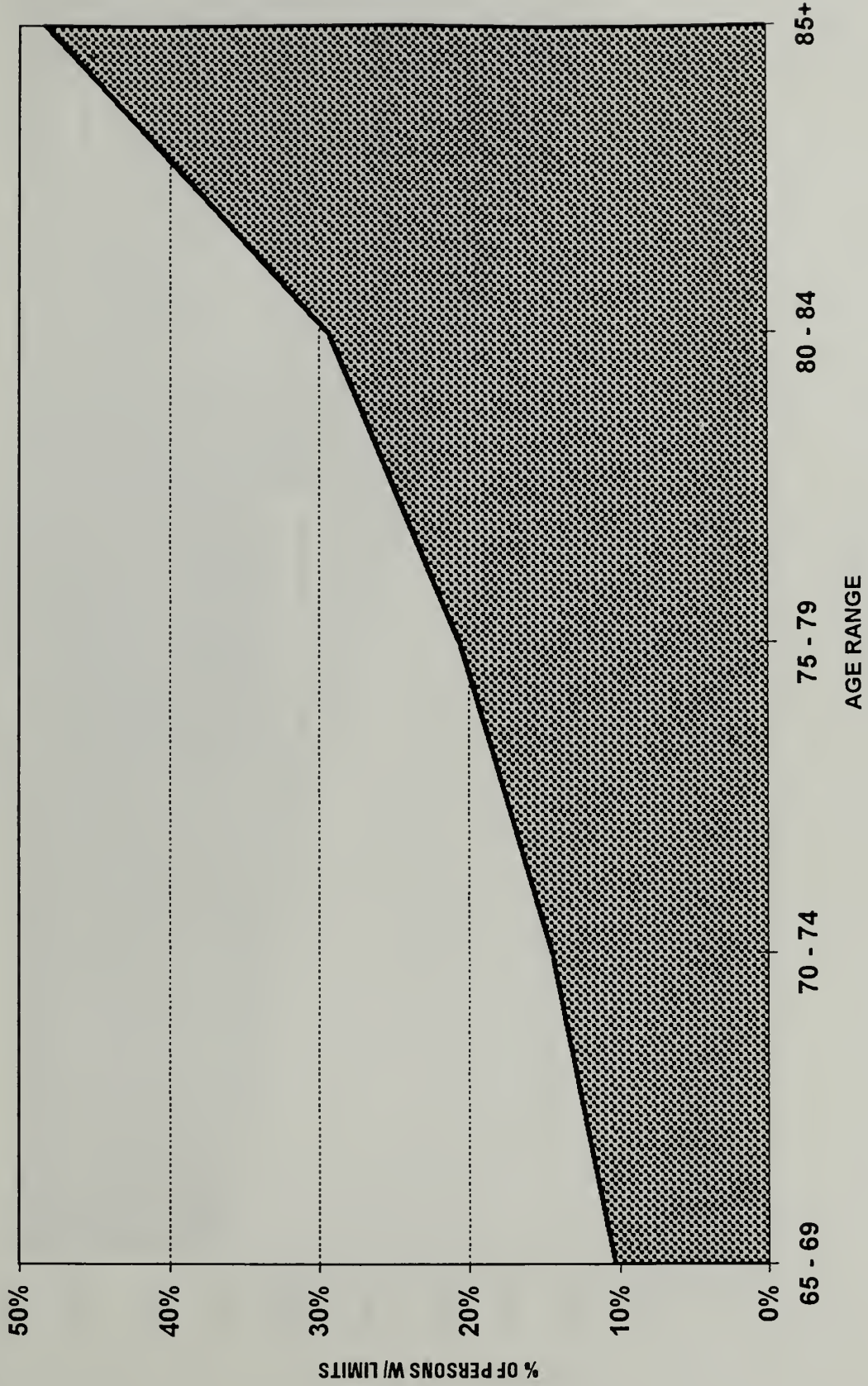


# LIVING ALONE BY SEX AND RATIO OF FEMALES TO MALES, BY AGE IN MASSACHUSETTS





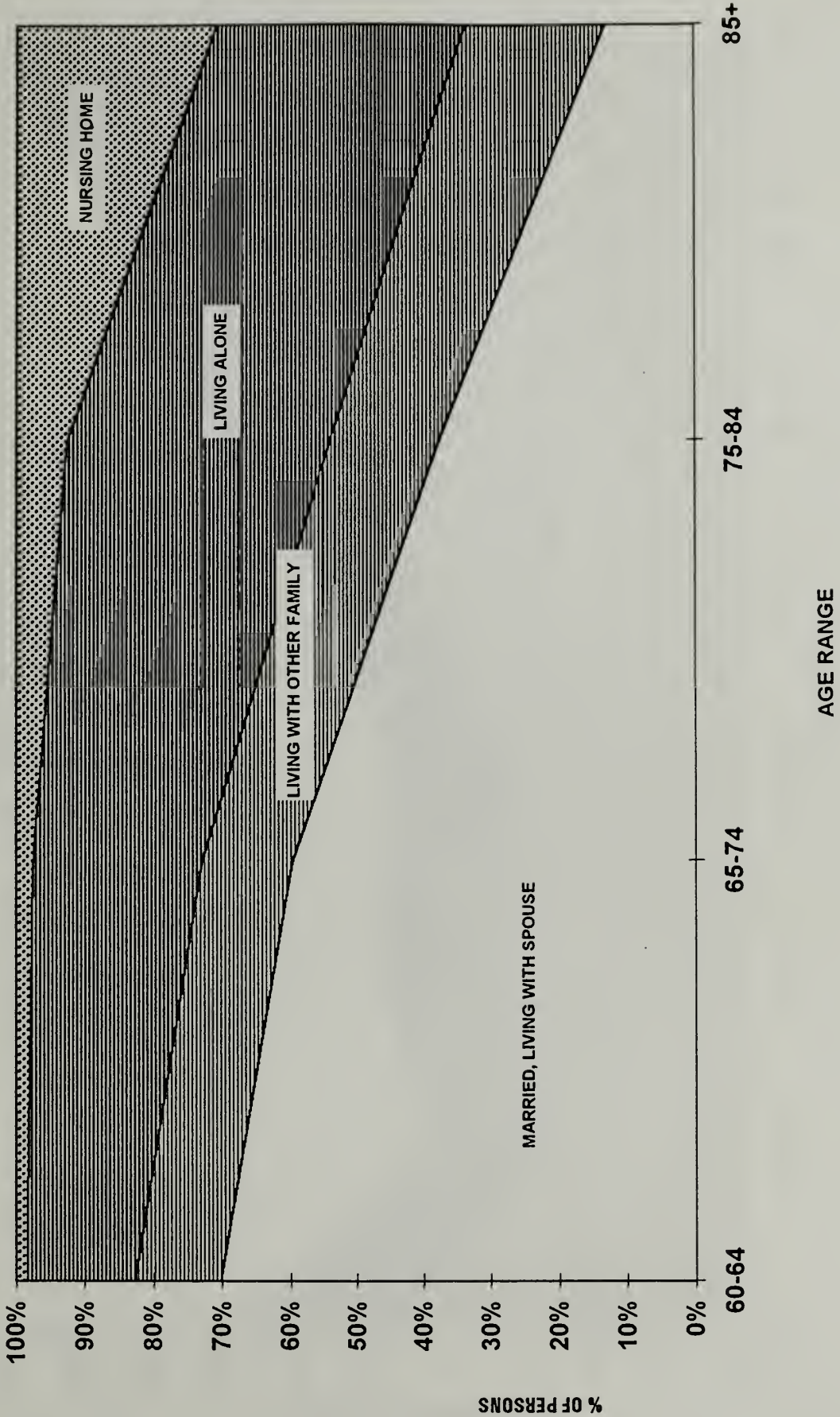
# OLDER CITIZENS WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, BY AGE: MASSACHUSETTS







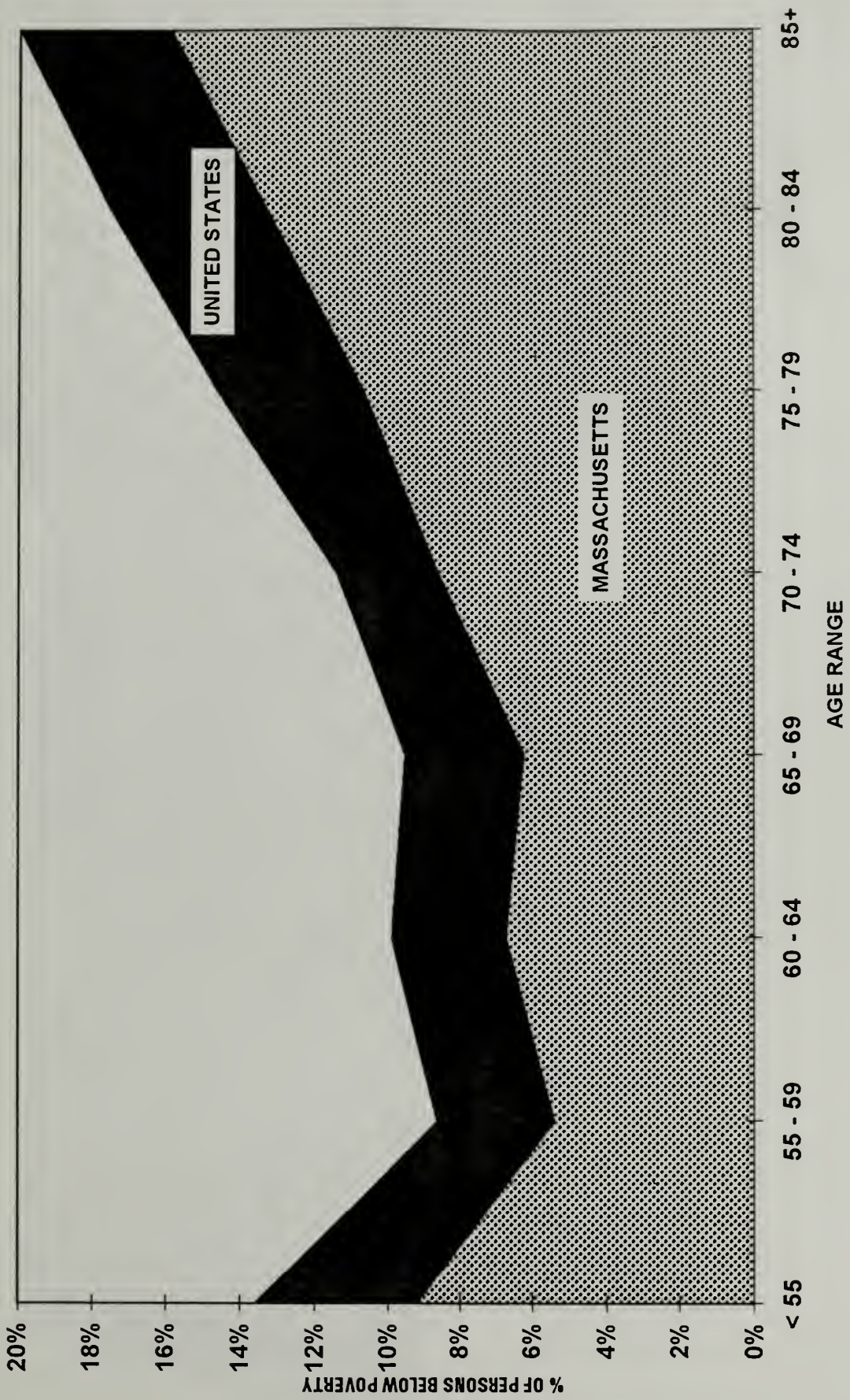
# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF OLDER CITIZENS BY AGE: MASSACHUSETTS





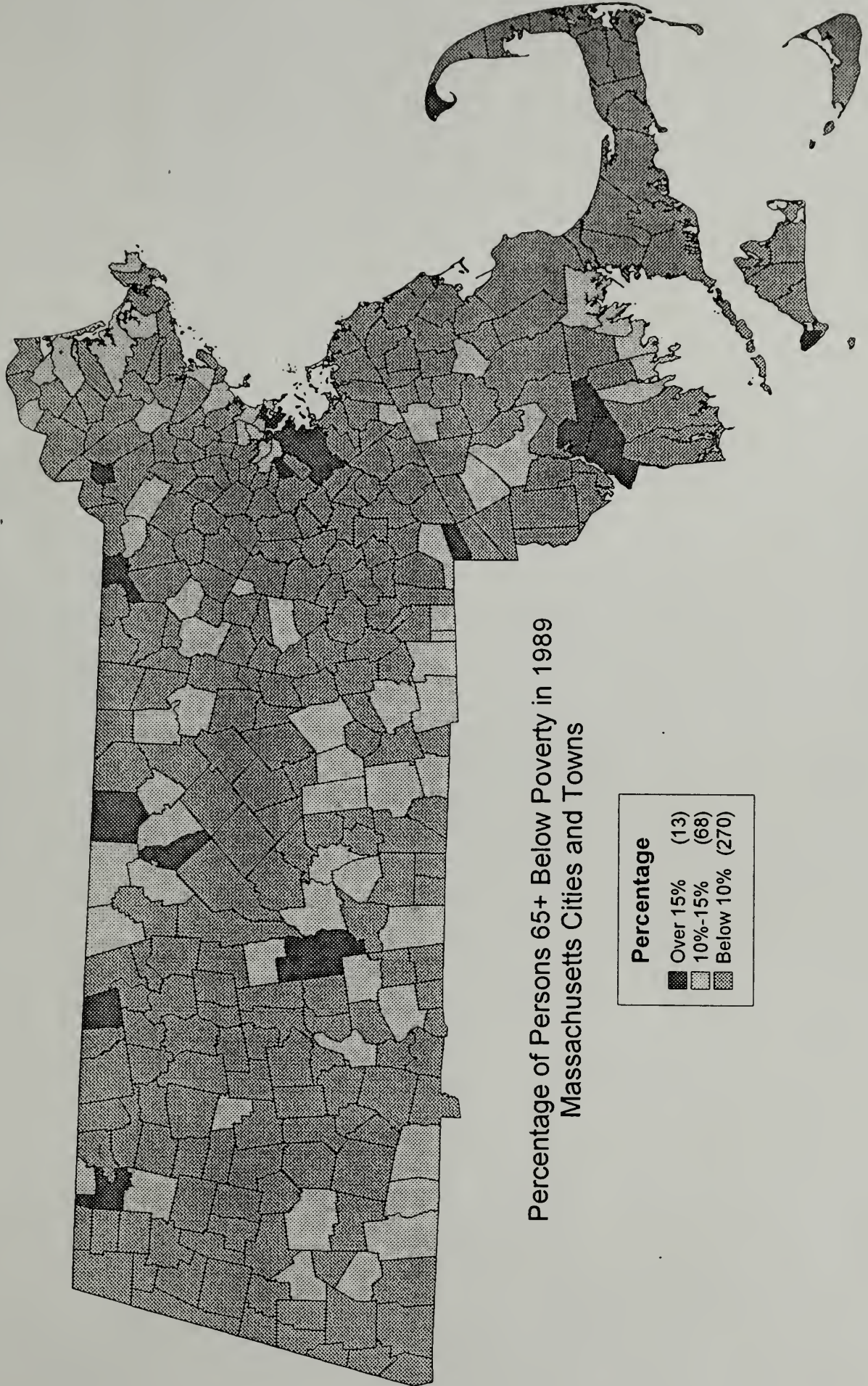


# POVERTY RATE BY AGE: US AND MASSACHUSETTS









Percentage of Persons 65+ Below Poverty in 1989  
 Massachusetts Cities and Towns

Percentage	
Over 15%	(13)
10%-15%	(68)
Below 10%	(270)



